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NO. 1.

OUR Easter Communion will be one of our most delightful services.

LAY aside a liberal amount for your Easter offering.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for the VISITOR will now be received either by the Pastor or D. W. Souder.

WE hope there may be a large number of applicants for Church membership at our Easter Communion.

MISS IDA MAST, of Bluffton, spent a day at the parsonage recently. We hope she will soon come again and make a longer stay.

THE Sabbath School and members of the church will be supplied in due time with special envelopes for the Easter offering. The offerings will be equally divided between the following two objects: Classical apportionment and current expense of the church.

WILL you not be able by the help of the Master to bring some of your unconverted friends into the Kingdom during our Easter evangelistic services? Will you not, my dear Christian friend, consecrate yourself to this work? Make the consecration, and the Lord will give you some soul for His Kingdom.

THE prodigal would fain have been filled with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him. Many Christians are trying to live only on the husks to-day. Why not come and sit down at the Father's table, where there is bread enough and to spare? Why try to subsist on husks, when you can have bread without money and without price? "The Spirit and the Bride say come." Come! Come, eat and live.

## EASTER SERVICES.

Services will be held during the Easter season, beginning with Sabbath, March 11th. During the first week services will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Rev. C. L. Alspach, pastor of the Reformed Church at Ada, Ohio, will assist the pastor in the services during this week. During Easter week services will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The pastor is endeavoring to secure the assistance of some brother for the service of this week. On Easter morning the Lord's Supper will be celebrated and applicants for church membership will be received into the church. An opportunity will also be afforded for the baptism of infants. Invite your neighbors and friends to these services, and pray for the success of these meetings.

## HOMES IN MOURNING.

Rosa May Dukeman, daughter of Samuel Dukeman, departed this life Friday afternoon, December 17th, 1893. She was aged 13 years, 1 month and 14 days.

A few weeks prior to her death Rosa was taken ill with diphtheria. At first her condition was not considered as being so critical, but she gradually failed in strength and vitality until the disease gained the mastery and finally proved fatal. She endured her suffering with marvelous fortitude until the moment of death came, when she was relieved from her distress. Several days prior to her death she was advised of her critical condition, and that her recovery was very uncertain. This did not, however, seem to be any new revelation to her, as she was conscious herself of her danger, and was prepared for anything that the Lord designed with her. While though so young in years she had learned to confide fully in the Lord, and to submit cheerfully to whatever would be His will with her. At her request the pastor called to see her the day before her death. While in great suffering we found her fully conscious, and in child-like simplicity of faith, trusting in the Saviour, and waiting patiently for the moment when she might take her departure to meet Jesus and her sainted mother and sisters. Rosa had cultivated a very amiable and affectionate disposition, and was dearly loved by her associates in the Sabbath school and church, and for whom she manifested the warmest affection and greatest anxiety until her death. She was, indeed, a model little Christian, and in her death the church lost one of her most promising children. For more than a year she had been a member of the pastor's Catechetical class, and at the Ester service last spring she gave herself publicly to the Lord. Her only regret at

her death was that her father should now be left alone in the world, as she was the last one of the family who had been left to him for his joy and comfort. Her mother and two only sisters had preceded her to the Heavenly home a few years prior. This bereaved father and brother is indeed deserving of the sympathy and the united prayers of the church. May the Lord comfort his sorrowing heart and support him by his grace and spirit. The funeral services were private, and were held Sabbath afternoon, December 17. Sabbath morning, December 31, a public service was held at the church in memory of Rosa. This service was attended largely by the Sabbath school, members of the church and friends of the bereaved.

Wayne Elmer, son of Frank and Maggie Bercot, died Thursday, January 4, after an illness of diphtheria of a few weeks. He was aged 2 years, 5 months and 28 days.

Prior to his illness little Wayne had been the very picture of health and vitality, and was always happy and playful, but the treacherous disease proved too severe an enemy for him. The family scarcely anticipated that the condition of the child was so serious until almost the moment of death. The visit of the death angel was truly unforeseen and unexpected, and this gave added sorrow to their bereavement. How sad, indeed, when we are called upon unexpectedly to part with our loved ones. The sudden breaking of a bond so dear rebounds upon the heart with accumulated force and severity. These parents have the sympathy and prayers of the church in this their sorrow and bereavement. Little Wayne leaves his parents, two brothers and three sisters to mourn his early departure. He has gone to be with the angels, where he shall never taste aught but Heavenly bliss and endless de-

light. The funeral services were held in private at the home Saturday afternoon, January 6. In the illness of the pastor the services were conducted by Rev. S. A. Northrop, of the Baptist church.

#### EXHIBIT OF CHURCH FINANCES.

The readers of the VISITOR will find below an abstract of the different treasurers' reports read at the annual congregational meeting, January 1, 1894. These reports give a correct, and very commendable showing of the financial work of the church for the year 1893.

##### Church treasurer's report:

Balance on hand Jan 1, '93 .....	\$ 4 67
Receipts during the year .....	1,073 52
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Total .....	\$ 1,078 19
Total expenditures for the year 1893 .....	\$ 1,227 81

Indebtedness Jan 1, 1894 .....

Indebtedness Jan 1, 1894 .....	\$ 149 62
Sunday school treasurer's report:	
Balance on hand January 1, 1893 ..	\$ 3 68
Receipts during the year .....	217 21
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Total .....	\$ 220 89
Expenditures .....	210 97

Balance on hand January 1, 1894 ..

Sunday school building fund:	
Cash on hand January 1, 1893 ..	\$ 27 44
Receipts during year .....	93 71

Balance on hand January 1, 1894 ..

Treasurer's report of Ladies' Missionary Society:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1893 ..	\$ 1,718 84
Receipts during year .....	268 21
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Total .....	\$ 1,987 05
Expenditures .....	46 20

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1894 ..

Y. P. S. C. E. treasurer's report:	
Balance on hand January 1, 1891 ..	\$ 17 39
Receipts during year .....	15 00

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1894 ..

Treasurer of Brick Builders' Society:	
Total receipts during year .....	\$ 133 05
Total expenditures .....	7 00

Balance on hand January 1, 1894 ..

Balance on hand January 1, 1894 ..	\$ 126 05
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#### Treasurer of board of trustees:

To cash January 1, 1893 .....	\$ 3 50
Receipts during the year .....	1,006 00
	\$ 1,009 50

Expenditures .....

200 00

Balance on hand Jan 1, 1894....

\$ 809 50

#### Report of GRACE CHURCH VISITOR:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1893.....	\$ 72 00
Receipts .....	255 75
	\$ 327 75

Expenditures .....

232 74

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1894, to be

applied on personal mortgage...

95 01

#### Total receipts and expenditures:

Balance on hand from all sources, Jan. 1, 1893.....	\$ 1,847 52
Receipts from all sources during the year 1893 .....	3,062 45

Total receipts .....

\$ 4,909 97

Total expenditures for the year ..

1,932 65

Total amount in hands of differ-

ent treasurers, Jan. 1, 1894....

\$ 2,977 32

C. H. GUMPPER,  
Financial Secretary and Clerk.

#### CHORUS CLASS.

The services of Mr. Goldsmith have been secured to assist in the choir singing for the Church and Sabbath School, and arrangements have also been made with him to hear a Chorus Class at the Church once a week. The object of the Chorus Class is to give our people an opportunity to learn to read music, and thus to improve our congregational singing. The Pastor has for a long time felt that this would be a very excellent thing to do. While our congregational singing is perhaps the best of any church in the city, there is ample room for improvement. Mr. Goldsmith is a competent teacher, and we shall hope that our people will avail themselves of this opportunity of learning more about singing. The tuition for a term of twelve lessons will be \$1 per scholar. The tuition will be paid to Charles Gumpfer, our Financial Secretary.

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WE hope to see a large attendance at  
our Easter services beginning March 11.

THE young people are preparing for a  
supper and entertainment to be given  
Friday evening, April 6th.

F. D. PAULUS has sold out his business  
at Kokomo, Ind. We are glad to have him with us again,—and that Fort Wayne will continue to be his home.

SABBATH morning, March 18,—Palm Sunday—the pastor will preach a sermon on the topic, “The Children of the Kingdom.” Parents having children not baptized should hear this sermon.

A Sunday School Convention of Allen County will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in this city Thursday, March 22d. Sessions forenoon, afternoon and evening.

WITH but a few exceptions the subscriptions to the VISITOR all expired with the closing of the past year. We hope that our former subscribers may all renew their subscriptions for the year '94. Twenty-five cents is but a small investment. Would you not like to have your parish paper sent to some friend of yours residing at a distance?

WE would kindly suggest that on Sabbath evening whily the Young People are holding their prayer meeting, in the class rooms, there should be perfect quiet in the other rooms. More prayer and less confusion will be a great help to the Young People's Meeting.

THE Consistory is desirous that the current expenses of the Church, and the indebtedness of \$150 carried over from 1893, may be promptly met during the year. In order to do this, the members who have not yet given their subscriptions for 1894, should kindly do so at their earliest opportunity. If there are those also, who can increase their subscriptions for the year, we shall be glad to furnish them with new cards. The subscriptions received up to date will not be sufficient to cover our current expenses. So we trust that every member will do all he possibly can in this matter, and then we feel confident there will be no lack for funds. A few are delinquent from the former year, as early as convenient, we hope this indebtedness to the Church may be canceled. Quite a number of the members have increased their subscriptions above that of last year, and many of the younger members of the Church who have not been paying before are now making weekly payments. This is evidently very encouraging, but should not others who are just as able do the same. Would it not be better if every member of the Church, young and old, would at least pay some amount weekly to the Church, though this amount might be small. Our financial record in the past, as a church, has been very commendable, but let us aim to do still better, and more for our Church and for the Lord. Let us see to it that when the end of the year comes, we shall have no indebtedness to carry over.

C. H. GUMPPER,  
Financial Secretary.

## Sabbath School.

D. W. SOUDER	.....	Superintendent
M. CONNETT	.....	Ass't Superintendent
CHARLES GUMPPER	.....	Secretary
MRS. CHARLES GUMPPER	.....	Treasurer
ALICE CONNETT	.....	Librarian

Sabbath School Hour, Sabbath Morning, 9:30.

THE Sabbath School is again having a revival. Large attendance; large collections; good singing, and good orchestral music.

WE hope soon to have a full orchestra for our Sabbath School. This we are certain will be a great help to our singing, but after all, these blowing and stringed instruments will not do the singing. Let this be kept in mind, and let every teacher and scholar sing. Sing with a "whole-hearted" and "true-hearted" spirit.

## THREE C. E. ITEMS.

### I.

Reformed Rally (1,000), Cleveland, Ohio, July 12, 1894.

### II.

Kindly tell me on a postal:

1. Your Society P. O.
2. Name of Church.
3. Name and P. O. of Pastor.
4. Name and P. O. of Corresponding Secretary.

### III.

We want an accurate report from your Society for the Reformed C. E. Book and for the Cleveland Rally.

We have about \$1,100 secured in \$10 C. E. pledges for our Japan C. E. Missionary Fund. We need to dispose of 30 or 40 more \$10 shares. Has your Society pledged one? If not, will you do so now? Yours in C. E.,

J. H. BOMBERGER,  
Columbiana, O.

The above communication was recently received by the Pastor, and will be of special interest to our Endeavorors.

THE Teachers' Meetings, on Wednesday evenings, after the Mid-Week Services, have taken on somewhat of the phase of a school of theology. The attendance is many times larger than the number of teachers, and great interest is manifested.

## Annual report of Sunday School Secretary:

Number of officers enrolled during year	5
Number of teachers enrolled during year	13
Number of scholars enrolled during year	195
Total enrollment	213

Average weekly attendance during year, 77.9.

Smallest attendance during year, 31.

Date, April 30.

Largest attendance during year, 119.

Date, May 14.

## Average weekly collections:

First quarter	.....	\$4.18
Second quarter	.....	5.57
Third quarter	.....	2.75
Fourth quarter	.....	4.30

Total average collections for year \$4.17 $\frac{1}{2}$

## Total collections for year:

First quarter	.....	\$ 53.93
Second quarter	.....	72.45
Third quarter	.....	35.80
Fourth quarter	.....	60.31
Total	.....	\$ 222.49

Class giving largest amount during quarter:

First quarter. Class No. 2; teacher, Miss French. Amount	.....	\$14.16
Second quarter. Class No. 11; teacher, Mr. Connett. Amount	.....	12.78
Third quarter. Class No. 11; teacher, Mr. Connett. Amount	.....	5.40

Fourth quarter. Class No. 11; teacher, Mr. Connett. Amount	.....	14.31
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Class giving largest amount during year:

Class No. 11. Teacher, Mr. Connett. Amount	.....	\$43.86
Total birthday collections	.....	\$ 10.84
Total Sunday School collections	.....	222.49
Total	.....	\$233.33

C. H. GUMPPER,  
Secretary.

## Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society

MRS. J. E. BEAHLER ..... President  
 MRS. LOUISA MILLER ..... Vice-President  
 MRS. ED. MILLER, ..... Secretary  
 MRS. MARTIN CONNETT ..... Treasurer

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MRS. LOUISA MILLER, MRS. J. RUDISIL,  
 MRS. GEO. HESSERD.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month, 2:30 P. M.

THE social and entertainment recently given by the ladies of the church was a success in every particular. The supper was choice, and the drill by the little girls very good.

EVERY member of the Church should join the Chorus Class.

AT the annual congregational meeting, January 1st, the following Church Officers were elected: D. W. Souder, Elder for two years; R. Gavin, Elder for one year; C. H. Gumper, Deacon for two years; J. E. Beahler, Deacon for one year; C. H. Gumper, Financial Secretary; Perry Archer, Treasurer.

SIX families from Grace Church have removed from the city within the past year. We regret very much to loose these dear people from the Church, but we trust they will find pleasant Church homes where they have gone, and will serve the Master with diligence unto end.

THE Pastor recently held a short series of evangelistic services with the Salem Reformed Church at Collingswood. The attendance at these meetings was quite large and much interest was manifested. There were two accessions to the Church, with the prospects of others in the near future. We were sorry that we could not continue these services for a full week, or even longer. A great work could be done among the people of that community, if more time could be devoted to this Church. There are scores of young people in the community, and

but a very small proportion of them are members of the Church. Those who are in the Church have been very faithful, and we trust they may be a leaven of grace and righteousness among their young associates, and thus be the means of bringing them to Christ.

BIDS for the contract of the new Church will soon be opened, and it is expected that work will begin as early in the spring as possible. The members of the Church are eager to see a beginning of the work for which they have prayed and waited so long. To build under the present situation of financial depression, is quite an adventure for our people, but by united and earnest effort we feel confident the Lord will enable us to see the desire of our hearts realized. Without the Lord's assistance, we can not consummate this work. Let us therefore put our full confidence in Him, and follow the guidance of His Spirit in our work.

THROUGH the untiring efforts of Rev. J. H. Albright, Pastor of the Union Charge, a Reformed Church has again been organized at Waterloo, Ind. A week prior to the organization of this Church, the Pastor spent a few days with this brother, in his work of gathering up the scattered membership of what some seven or eight years ago was a prosperous and growing Church in this place. Many of the old members have again gone into the new organization, which was effected with thirty-five charter members. The Church property will now be deeded by the Classis to the new congregation. Every indication is that in a short time, this will be the strongest Church in Waterloo. We have been greatly rejoiced to see this organization effected, and we shall pray earnestly for its continued growth and welfare.

## Y. P. S. C. E.

NELLIE FRENCH.....	President
EUGENE MATHIS.....	Vice-President
WILLIS SOUDER.....	Secretary
EMIL KETLER .....	Treasurer
LILLIE WALTERS.....	Cor. Secretary

Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening at 6:45.

## PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

March 4. Our birthrights and how they are lost. Rom. 8: 12-17; 31-39. Nellie French.

March 11. Systematic beneficence—why and how much? Mal. 3: 7-12. (A missionary topic.) A. K. Zartman.

March 18. Taming the tongue. Jas. 3: 2-12. Emil Ketler.

March 25. What is Christ's life doing for you? 2 Tim. 2: 1-13. (An Easter topic.) Lillie Walters.

April 1. How and why should we pray. Matt. 6: 5-15. Mary Rudisil.

April 8. Envy and covetousness—how to conquer them. 1 John 2: 1-11, 15-17. Willis Souder.

April 15. Self control and how to gain it. Col. 3: 1-17. (A temperance topic.) Katie Pence.

April 22. What and how to provide for the future. Matt. 25: 31-46. Charles Segur.

April 29. God's care for His own. Ps. 103: 1-22. Frank Rupert.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE. Chairman, Emil Ketler; Eugene Mathis, Lillie Walters

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE. Chairman, Rev. A. K. Zartman; Willis Souder, Mattie Monn.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. Chairman, Mary Rudisil, Flora Monn, Florence Waite, Willie Rudisil, Josie Zartman, Carrie Souder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Chairman, Mr. D. W. Souder; Mr. M. Connell, Gloie Miller, Tenna Welden.

FLOWER AND RELIEF COMMITTEE. Chairman, Emma Ketler; Etta Souder, Alice Connell.

MISSIONARY AND CALLING COMMITTEE. Chairman, Eugene Mathis; Emil Ketler, Katie Pence, Lillie Vordermark.

DO NOT forget the date of the young people's supper and entertainment, April 6th. This announcement is made in due time in order to give every one ample opportunity to get ready.

THERE have been some twenty accessions to the Young People's Society since the 1st of January. We are glad to see so many more of our young people enlisted in this good work. The Sabbath evening prayer meetings are well attended, but there might be great improvement in the services if each member would be more ready to take part.

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Lawrence Benedict.....	5
Martin Connet .....	20
Alice Connet.....	101
Bertha Cour (returned book).....	4
Rosa Dukeman (died).....	90
Chester Driftmeyer .....	120
Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer.....	50
J. L. Horn .....	10
Clara Hauss (returned book).....	42
John Knight .....	6
Emma Kettler.....	20
Mrs. Lonergan .....	60
Harry Lang (returned book).....	18
May Loveall (returned book).....	13
Mrs. Louie-e Miller.....	10
Perry Monn.....	12
Miss Mast.....	30
George Nill .....	2
Katie Pence.....	5
Lizzie Rudisil.....	30
Katie Romy.....	120
Viola Romy (book returned).....	10
D. W. Souder .....	120
Carrie Souder.....	120
Anna Souder.....	120
Mrs. Mary Soyder.....	10
Mrs. Chas. Segur.....	20
Maud Traxler.....	10
Fred Vordermark .....	10
Mrs. Wingate.....	12½
Josie Zartman.....	186

MRS. C. H. GUMPFER,  
Treasurer.

SATAN is always persuading some people to put off the day of salvation. He tells them they are not yet good enough to become Christians, and that they should wait for a more convenient day. God says: "This is the day of salvation;" "Now is the accepted time." "Come for now all things are ready." "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Who now shall you obey, God or satan? Whose advice shall you accept? Delay is perilous. Who ever became any better for remaining away from Christ, or who ever found to-morrow a more convenient day? What amazing risks some people are willing to take for eternity.

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